

County Report

Supervisor Begins His Fifth Term in Office

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This week takes on special significance to me, since it marks the beginning of my new, four-year term as Fourth District Supervisor.

Thanks to overwhelming support by almost 75 per cent of the voters in the June Primary, I was re-elected to office for the fifth time. I'm very grateful for that support.

I'm looking forward to this new term with new enthusiasm. Frankly, I can't recall facing a new term with such eagerness, with the possible exception of my first term.

The reason for this en-

thusiasm is very clear — Los Angeles County is facing the greatest challenge, socially and financially, probably in its history.

IF WE ARE to succeed, spending must be cut, welfare must be made more realistic and relief must be given to property taxpayers. These are the goals for which I am aiming in my role as county supervisor.

But county government is a complex thing. As an arm of state government, it has very little control over the welfare program and a similar circumstance exists as far as property tax relief is concerned.

By state law, welfare controls are maintained at the state level or higher, as is the power to broaden the county's tax base. Therefore, the county is told how much it must pay for welfare and is not given the right to broaden its tax base through sales taxes, licensing fees aimed at producing revenue or any other major source.

Consequently the burden falls on the property taxpayer.

AND, YOU might ask, your supervisor is only one of five men sitting on the board. How much can one man do?

Well, I believe economy starts at home, for one thing. That's

why I maintain the smallest paid staff and operate my office at the lowest possible cost. This is a product of my background as a businessman.

As an example, we did some "belt-tightening" in my office recently when my chief deputy resigned to go into private business. I was able to promote a deputy from my staff to fill the top spot and consolidate assignments, eliminating one paid position.

While this move will make no great impact on your tax bill, I believe it is important for a supervisor to start in his own office when he is looking for economies. Otherwise, pleas for economies might be construed as half-hearted gestures.

OF COURSE my action on spending cuts doesn't stop there. With the support of my colleagues, my motion to eliminate \$1 million in exploitation funds and \$1 million in employe salaries from the 1967-68 budget was successful.

My vote against a plan to give

away county-owned land valued at millions of dollars for cultural use was not so successful, being defeated by a 3-2 margin, but it showed my constituents I intend to remain consistent on economy measures.

This is not to imply that every economy move suggested by any one supervisor is successful. There are five individuals sitting on the Board of Supervisors, and each has his own idea of where cuts should be made.

You might ask, too, that if the Board of Supervisors is so interested in economy, why has the county budget tripled in the past 10 years?

FIRST OFF, consider the fact that there are 1.5 million more people living here today, many of them calling for or needing increased county services. And, don't forget, inflation is at work, hiking costs for supplies and facilities, as well as employe salaries.

Then take a look at this fact: In 1958-59, welfare costs to the county totaled \$34 million, or 38.5 cents on the tax rate. This

year it totals \$100 million, of 63.4 cents on your tax rate.

Over-all, including county, state, and federal funds, \$522 million will be spent this fiscal year on welfare in Los Angeles County. That's up \$70 million over the previous year.

And, bear in mind, this program is mandated by the state and federal government — not the county.

IN FACT, 93 per cent of the county budget goes for services which the state tells the county it must provide.

Those are alarming figures, but they shouldn't discourage us from attacking the problem. If every citizen and every selected official did everything in his power to bring about changes in our spending practices, the problem will be resolved.

And, as I begin this new term, rest assured that I will continue to do my part in the fight to alleviate the property tax burden and still provide the necessary services to the people of my district.

'Danger Days Ahead,' Younger Tells Drivers

Holiday parties, preoccupation with Christmas and New Year's celebrations, longer hours of darkness, the ever present possibility of fog or rain mark the period from now to New Year's Day as "Danger Days," according to District Attorney Evelle J. Younger.

In order to keep accidents to a minimum, Younger this week offered these tips to drivers:

- If you plan to attend holiday parties—and if you plan to drink at these parties—make plans to have someone else drive you home.
- Keep auto windows clean and the view unobstructed.
- Maintain and clean head and tail lights so they can give light when needed.
- Be patient in heavy traffic.
- Leave for your destination early enough to allow for delays.

- Don't follow the car ahead too closely.
- Avoid changing lanes except when necessary.
- Watch the cars ahead and behind you.
- Always be on the alert for pedestrians and cars entering the roadway from side streets and parking areas.

YOUNGER also has some advice for pedestrians:

- Cross only on proper signals and obey "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signs.
- Cross only with a new green light.
- Look both ways before crossing and be sure the way is clear.
- Watch for turning cars from both the left and right.
- Never cross or enter the roadway from between parked cars.

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